

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER  
AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
ORDER R5-2014-0072 (NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0077691)  
For  
CITY OF VACAVILLE  
EASTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
SOLANO COUNTY**

The City of Vacaville (Discharger) owns and operates the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility), a publicly owned treatment works located at 6040 Vaca Station Road, Elmira, California. The Facility provides sewerage services for the City of Vacaville and the community of Elmira serving a population of approximately 97,000. The Discharger is constructing tertiary filtration to meet California Code of Regulations Title 22 (or equivalent) disinfection requirements by 1 May 2015. The permit allows an average dry weather flow discharge of up to 15 million gallons per day of tertiary treated effluent from 1 May to 31 October and secondary treated effluent from 1 November to 30 April to Old Alamo Creek, tributary to New Alamo Creek, tributary to Ulatis Creek, and tributary to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, all waters of the United States.

Order R5-2014-0072 includes effluent limits for settleable solids during the period when secondary treated wastewater may be discharged to Old Alamo Creek. Beginning 1 May 2015 when tertiary filtration is required (i.e., Title 22 disinfection), settleable solids limits are not necessary, thus the limits are only required seasonally when secondary treated wastewater may be discharged. However, the Monitoring and Reporting Program requires effluent settleable solids monitoring weekly year round. Once the Facility operates the filtration processes, settleable solids monitoring will not be necessary from 1 May – 31 October when the effluent is filtered. Order R5-2014-0072 also requires monitoring the effluent for turbidity continuously year round. Title 22 requires continuous effluent turbidity monitoring, however, the current permit only requires seasonal Title 22 tertiary filtration from 1 May – 31 October. Therefore, continuous turbidity monitoring is only needed seasonally from 1 May – 31 October.

In order to align compliance monitoring with seasonal periods when effluent limits are applicable, the proposed Order amends Order R5-2014-0072 to require effluent settleable solids monitoring from 1 November – 30 April and reduce the effluent monitoring frequency for effluent turbidity to weekly during the same period when secondary treated wastewater may be discharged.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 16/17 April 2015  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Fresno Branch Office  
1685 E Street  
Fresno, CA 93706-2020

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- City of Vacaville representatives

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 27 February 2015**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments to the Central Valley Water Board via email to **RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov** no later than **5:00 p.m. on 27 February 2015**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 27 February 2015** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party. All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Jim Marshall at (916) 464-4772 or [James.Marshall@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:James.Marshall@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml) or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
ADAM W. LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

22 January 2015